

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A storage medium for storing software and  
management software for managing said software, wherein  
said management software comprises a step of  
5 restoring a management state of said software.

2. The storage medium according to claim 1,  
wherein  
said storage medium comprises a step of storing a  
10 predetermined address for connection so that the  
restoration can be performed.

3. An information processing apparatus having  
storage means for storing management software for  
15 managing software, comprising:

means for restoring a management state of said  
software; and

means for connecting to a predetermined site  
through a network to restore the management state of  
20 said management software by said restoring means.

4. The information processing apparatus according  
to claim 3, further comprising  
means for receiving information from a  
25 predetermined site and storing the information.

5. An information processing apparatus,

comprising:

means for restoring a management state of  
management software for managing software; and

control means for displaying a predetermined site

5 for connecting to the predetermined site through a  
network to restore the management state of said  
management software by said restoring means.

6. The information processing apparatus according  
10 to claim 5, further comprising

selection means for restoring the management state  
by said means for restoring the management state.

7. A host apparatus for communicating with an  
15 information processing apparatus having means for  
restoring a management state of management software for  
managing software, and means for connecting to a  
predetermined site to restore the management state of  
the management software by said restoring means, and  
20 restoring the management state of said management  
software, comprising

means for transmitting information for use in  
restoring the management state of said management  
software in response to a request from said information  
25 processing apparatus.

8. The host apparatus according to claim 7,

further comprising

means for storing information for use in restoring  
a management state for plural pieces of management  
software.

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9. The host apparatus according to claim 7,  
further comprising

means for storing different pieces of information  
for each piece of software to restore the management  
state for plural pieces of application software.

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10. The host apparatus according to claim 9,  
further comprising

means for displaying contents of means for storing  
information for restoring the management state for  
plural pieces of application software.

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